

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hall of the States, Room 333, 444 North Capitol St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Veva Deheza, NIDIS Executive Director, David Skaggs Research Center, Room GD102, 325 Broadway, Boulder CO 80305. Email: [Veva.Deheza@noaa.gov](mailto:Veva.Deheza@noaa.gov); or visit the NIDIS website at [www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) was established by Public Law 109–430 on December 20, 2006, and reauthorized by Public Law 113–86 on March 6, 2014 and Public Law 115–423 on January 7, 2019, with a mandate to provide an effective drought early warning system for the United States; coordinate, and integrate as practicable, Federal research in support of a drought early warning system; and build upon existing forecasting and assessment programs and partnerships. See 15 U.S.C. 313d. The Public Law also calls for consultation with “relevant Federal, regional, State, tribal, and local government agencies, research institutions, and the private sector” in the development of NIDIS. 15 U.S.C. 313d(c). The NIDIS Executive Council provides the NIDIS Program Office with an opportunity to engage in individual consultation with senior resource officials from NIDIS’s Federal partners, as well as leaders from state and local government, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector.

*Status:* This meeting is in-person and will be open to public participation. Individuals interested in attending should register at <https://cpaess.ucar.edu/meetings/nidis-executive-fall-council-meeting-2024>. Please refer to this web page for the most up-to-date meeting times and agenda. Seating at the meeting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Special Accommodations:* This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 17, 2024, to Elizabeth Ossowski, Senior Program Manager, David Skaggs Research Center, Room GD102, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305; Email: [Elizabeth.Ossowski@noaa.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Ossowski@noaa.gov).

*Matters to be Considered:* The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NIDIS implementation updates and 2024 priorities; (2) Executive Council member updates and

2024 priorities relevant to Drought, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, Water, Fire; (3) Building out the National Drought Early Warning System and Partnership Opportunities; and (4) Advances in Drought and Low Flow Water Prediction.

**David Holst,**

*Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 87 Assessment Webinar II for Gulf of Mexico White, Pink, and Brown Shrimp.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 87 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico white, pink, and brown shrimp will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The SEDAR 87 Assessment Webinar II will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data,

Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO’s; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Assessment webinar II are as follows:

Participants will review the assessment modeling work to date and provide recommendations to the analytic team.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 23, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Withdrawal of Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Modification of the Bayou Lafourche and Lafourche-Jump Waterway, Louisiana, Navigation Channel Project in Lafourche Parish

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is issuing this notice to advise Federal, State, and local governmental agencies, and the public that USACE is withdrawing the notice of intent (NOI) for the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Modification of the Bayou Lafourche and Lafourche-Jump Waterway, Louisiana, Navigation Channel Project in Lafourche Parish, which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 2016. The Nonfederal Sponsor, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, drafted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Feasibility Report, which was submitted to the ASA-CW. In 2020, their EIS had an addendum to adjust the controlling depth of the Bayou Lafourche Waterway Federal navigation channel at Port Fourchon, Louisiana, to an engineering, economic and environmentally feasible depth and extend the main access channel to the natural contour of the Gulf of Mexico at the optimum depth. Since then, there has been a reduction of scope which involves less impacts than was anticipated at the time of the NOI, resulting in moving to an Environmental Assessment.

**DATES:** The notice of intent to prepare an EIS published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 2016 (81 FR 84562), is withdrawn as of September 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118-3651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the withdrawal of the Notice of Intent can be directed to Jordan Logarbo, (504) 862-1158 at [Jordan.r.logarbo@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jordan.r.logarbo@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reduction in scope includes the following: an adjustment of the proposed dredge depth from the previous proposed maximum dredge depth of -50 ft mean lower low water (MLLW) to a proposed elevation of -30 ft MLLW for the inland reach plus 3 ft of advanced maintenance and to -32 ft MLLW for the offshore reach plus 4 ft of advanced maintenance, and the proposed channel deepening would not require an increase in channel width. The disposal area has also been changed from a marsh creation project to nearshore disposal on the west and east sides of the jetties.

The existing maintenance project was authorized for a navigation channel 300 ft wide with an elevation of -24 ft MLLW on the inland reach for mile 3.4 to Mile 0.0 and to an elevation of -26 ft MLLW for the offshore reach from Mile 0.0 to Mile -1.3. The Port Fourchon Federal navigation channel has been maintained by USACE within the proposed action dimensions and alignment.

The Federal proposed plan includes deepening and maintenance of the Port Fourchon Federal navigation channel which was considered through a 50-year period of analysis. The proposed dredging would start at approximately Station 0+00 and end at approximately Station 330+00. Deepening would be achieved by the same dredging operation that is currently used for maintenance. The existing maintenance project was authorized by WRDA 1996 for a navigation channel 300 ft wide with an elevation of -24 ft MLLW on the inland reach for mile 3.4 to Mile 0.0 and to an elevation of -26 ft MLLW for the offshore reach from Mile 0.0 to Mile -1.3. The proposed action would dredge the Federal navigation channel to an elevation of -30 ft MLLW for the inland reach plus 3 ft of advanced maintenance and to -32 ft MLLW for the offshore reach plus 4 ft of advanced maintenance. The proposed action follows the alignment of the existing maintenance project and extends to the newly authorized limits following the natural contour of the Gulf of Mexico. Dredging would be accomplished with a hydraulic cutter-head dredge and material excavated would be transported to two (2) sites in a slurry via pipeline. The two dredge material disposal sites are located on the exterior of the existing jetties near the intersection with the existing shoreline. Discharge location would be 200 ft offshore and would extend 300-3,000 ft from the jetties in the shallow open water and be allowed to flow.

The study was authorized by section 203 of the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662) as modified by section 1014 of Water Resources and Reform Development Act (WRRDA) 2014. Also, by section 1126 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements of the Nation Act (Pub. L. 114-322) which is also known as WRDA of 2016, and section 1152 of WRDA 2018. Section 203, as amended via the above referenced provisions, allows non-Federal interests, such as GLPC, to undertake feasibility studies of proposed navigation projects and submit them to the (ASA-CW).

The Draft EA was made available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on May 17, 2024 and ending on June 15, 2024 and can be found on the study website at <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/About/Projects/Port-Fourchon/>.

**James A. Bodron,**

*Program Director, Mississippi Valley Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0118]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Multi-Purpose Financial Information Statement

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2024-SCC-0118. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov).